Claims

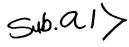
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What is claimed is:

- 1. A combination flexible planar item and character, comprising:
 - a flexible planar item, that when manipulated, takes on the appearance of a character, said character comprising said planar item arranged to form a character body, said body having an exterior surface and having at least one character feature generally present on said exterior surface.
- 2. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said flexible planar item is manipulated by folding.
- 3. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said flexible planar item is manipulated by rolling.
- 4. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said flexible planar item is manipulated by folding and rolling.
- 5. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character

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- 6. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character feature is an appendage.
- 7. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character feature is an article of clothing.
- 8. A combination flexible planar/item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character feature is placed onto said flexible planar item by adhesive means.
- 9. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character feature is placed onto said flexible planar item by a bonding means.
- 10. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character feature is affixed onto said flexible planar item by sewing.
- 1. A combination flexible planar item and character



according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character feature is affixed onto said flexible planar item by a snap.

- 12. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character feature is affixed onto said flexible planar item by hook and loop fasteners.
- 13. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one character feature is affixed onto said flexible planar item by rivets.
- 14. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said flexible planar item is a generally rectangular shape.
- 15. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said flexible planar item has a plurality of edges and wherein at least one edge is fringed.
- 16. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein the shape of said character body is maintained by a belt placed around said body to encircle said body.

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- 17. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 16, wherein said belt is integral with said planar item.
- 18. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said flexible planar item has first and second surfaces, first, second, third, and fourth edges, a corner connecting said third edge with said second edge, and wherein said at least one character feature is placed on said first surface, generally proximate to said corner.
- 19. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 18, wherein said flexible planar item is folded in half, by orienting said fourth edge over said third edge and a portion of said second surface over itself, to form a folded edge and a half sized planar item; folding one third of said half sized item, from said folded edge, to form a rectangle having two short edges and two long edges, and an exterior surface, said exterior surface having said at least one character feature oriented thereon.
- 20. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 19, wherein said flexible planar item is

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rolled, beginning at said short edge distal to said corner until the entire flexible planar item is rolled, forming a generally cylindrical character body having said character feature generally oriented upon the exterior of said character body.

- 21. A combination flexible planar item and character according to Claim 1, wherein said character feature is embroidered onto said flexible planar item.
- 22. A combination flexible planar item and character, comprising:
 - a flexible planar item having at least one character feature present thereon, said flexible planar item being folded and rolled to form a generally cylindrical character body having said character feature oriented generally upon the exterior of said character body.
- 23. A method of creating a combination character from a flexible planar item, the steps comprising:

providing a flexible planar item having first and second surfaces, and at least first, second, and third edges, and at least one character feature

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placed on said first surface; and

manipulating said flexible planar item forming a character body having said character feature oriented upon the exterior of said character body.

- 24. The method according to Claim 23, wherein the step of manipulating is provided by folding said planar item to form a character body.
- 25. The method according to Claim 23, wherein the step of manipulating is provided by rolling said planar item to form a character body.
- 26. The method according to Claim 23, wherein the step of manipulating is provided by folding and rolling said planar item to form a character body.

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